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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 8, 2001, the period for response having been extended three months, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A III-V compound semiconductor having a layer formed from a first III-V compound semiconductor expressed by the general formula $In_uGa_vAL_wN$ where $0\le u\le 1$, $0\le v\le 1$, $0\le w\le 1$, and, u+v+w=1, a pattern formed on said layer from a material different not only from said first III-V compound semiconductor but also from a second III-V compound semiconductor hereinafter described, and a layer formed on said first III-V compound